



MERLIN



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Cross-platform post-exploitation HTTP/2 Command & Control server and agent written in Go

Merlin Server Executable Command Line Flags		Merlin Server Main Menu - Merlin»	
-debug	Enable debug output	agent	Interact with agents or list agents
-h	Print help menu	banner	Print the Merlin banner
-i	The IP address of the interface to bind to	exit	Exit and close the Merlin Server
-p	Merlin Server Port	interact	Interact with an agent. Alias for Empire users
-proto	Protocol for the agent to connect with [h2, hq]	quit	Exit and close the Merlin Server
-v	Enable verbose output	remove	Remove or delete a DEAD agent from the server
-x509cert	The x509 certificate for the HTTPS listener	sessions	List all agents session information. Alias for MSF users
-x509key	The x509 certificate key for the HTTPS listener	use	Use a function or module of Merlin
Merlin Agent Executable Command Line Flags		*	Anything else will be execute on the host operating sys-
-debug	Enable debug output	version	Print the Merlin server version
-h	Print help menu	*	Anything else will be execute on the host operating sys-
-proto	Protocol for the agent to connect with [h2, hq]		
-sleep	Time for agent to sleep (default 30s)	Merlin Server Agent Menu - Merlin[agent][UUID]»	
-url	Full URL for agent to connect to	cmd	Execute a command on the agent Example: cmd -c 3 ping 8.8.8.8
-v	Enable verbose output	back	Return to the main menu
-version	Print the agent version and exit	download	Download a file from the agent download <remote_file>
Merlin Server Agent Menu - Merlin[module][Invoke-Mimikatz]»		info	Display all information about the agent
back	Return to the main menu	kill	Instruct the agent to die or quit
info	Show information about a module	main	Return to the main menu
main	Return to the main menu	set	Set the value for one of the agent's options Options: maxretry, padding, skew, sleep
reload	Reloads the module to a fresh clean state		
run	Run or execute the module	upload	Upload a file to the agent upload <local_file> <remote_file>
set	Set the value for one of the module's options		
show	Show information about a module or its options Options: info, options		

GitHub Directory Structure

cmd	The main Merlin Server and Agent Go applications
data	Main directory used by and distributed with Merlin Server
data/agent/<uuid>/agent_log.txt	Log file of all agent activity
data/bin/	Compiled Merlin Agent binaries for Windows (.exe & DLL), Linux, Mac, and Invoke-Merlin.ps1
data/html	Merlin JavaScript test HTML page and Merlin JavaScript Agent (merlin.js)
data/log/merlinServerLog.txt	Log file of all Merlin Server activity
data/modules	Module files in JSON format for agent actions. Dynamically add .json files during use
data/x509	Default location for server.crt and server.key files
docs	Holds templates for GitHub issues, pull requests, change log, & contributing guidelines
pkg	Source code files for Merlin
vendor	3rd party library files used with Merlin
LICENSE	GNU General Public License v3.0 Information
Makefile	GNU Make file for compiling Server or Agent

Highlights

- Command tab completion for ease of use
- Robust in application help menu
- Verbose server and agent log files
- Good Wiki: <https://github.com/Ne0nd0g/merlin/wiki>
- C2 uses HTTP/2 and QUIC protocols for evasion
- JavaScript, PowerShell, and DLL agents
- Community Contributors: Dan Borges (@ahhh), Joel Braun (@twigatech) and Adam Cronan (@0xada4d)
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Agent Operational Configuration Settings

maxretry	The amount of failed check in attempts before quitting
padding	Maximum size of C2 message padding size (in bytes) to evade message size based detection Example: set padding 8192
skew	Jitter time factor between check in attempts Example: set skew 5000
sleep	Amount of time between check in attempts Example: set sleep 63m

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